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PORTO RICO.

Inspection of immigrants at San Juan.

Assistant Surgeon King, chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, forwards the following:

Report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended April 11, 1903.

Date of arrival.	Name of vessel.	Where from.	Number of immigrants.
Apr. 6	Valencia (German)	St. Thomas	8
8	Philadelphia (American)	La Guayra, Puerto Cabello, Curaçao ..	4
	Total		12

Report from Ponce—Vital statistics—Smallpox.

Assistant Surgeon Goldberger transmits, April 6, through the chief quarantine officer, the following: During the week ended March 27, 1903, 30 births and 23 deaths were recorded by the local board of health. No death from any quarantinable disease is reported.

The board of health has had under observation in the last two weeks about 12 cases of smallpox of a very mild type. Most of the cases developed in the jail. These were isolated and all prisoners, old and new, vaccinated. No cases are now known to be present.

Vital statistics of Ponce for the month of March, 1903.

Diseases of—		Tetanus	2
Digestive system	23	Old age	1
Respiratory system	9	Peritonitis	1
Circulatory system	6		
Nervous system	17	Total	91
Anæmia, malnutrition, inanition	10		
Malaria	6	MARCH, 1902.	
Tuberculosis	7	Births	149
Nephritis	1	Deaths	96
Cancer	2		
Enteric fever	1	MARCH, 1903.	
Grippe	2	Births	125
Hepatitis	2	Deaths	91
Metritis	1		

Summary of transactions of service during the month of March, 1903.

Total number of vessels inspected during March, 1903	22
Vessels inspected during March, 1902	18
Bills of health issued during March, 1903	28
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Passengers inspected during March, 1903 (incoming)	65
Passengers inspected during March, 1903 (in transit)	398
Crew inspected during March, 1903	879
Vessels in quarantine during March, 1903	5
Immigrants inspected during March, 1903	32
Rejections	0
Passengers detained for observation	1